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Dear Dr. Coan--

Thank you for your invitation, which I am glad to accept to the extent of being delighted to receive all possible information about ZPG activities.

While I am pleased at your efforts to focus public attention on some problems of vital importance, I find that I differ sufficiently on some details (or perhaps mainly emphases) that I cannot identify myself as an "endorser". My public position is sufficiently exposed that I have to attend to such details in a way that may seem excessively fussy to anyone who has not shared that experience.

However, since I often write on population questions in my newspaper column, I do think your efforts at educating me may be well-spent, at least to keep me from grievous error. If you want to reprint fair quotations from my more relevant ~~pieces~~ pieces, I would be pleased at the critical feedback this might elicit.

Finally, two favors: 1) any chance of the back issues of the ZPG reporter for my own files; and 2) what about a full set and subscription for the reading room of our Human Biology program at Stanford (on which Paul Ehrlich is a co-director)?

By coincidence, I had just mailed off my May 2/3 ~~column~~ column before receiving your material. My reference to ZPG is therefore based on 2d-hand impressions, and I am pleased to be on line to more direct and reliable information.

Sincerely, *Joshua Lederberg*

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